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EUCALYPTUS TREES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of advantages and disadvantages of Eucalyptus trees;

(b) whether these trees cause severe damage to cultivable and non-cultivable land;

(c) if so, whether any scientific assessment has been made in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereafter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The genus Eucalyptus having numerous species has an edge over other species due to its fast growing characteristics and multifarious utilities in providing timber, fuel wood, pulp and other value-added products. Moreover, it is a more efficient user of water in production of biomass per unit compared to indigenous species.

(b) to (e) Different scientific assessments have not come to any definite conclusion. It has been emphasized to have site specific selection of Eucalyptus species while undertaking plantations.